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Dear Paul:

I have reviewed with great interest your recent report, "Geographic Factors Affecting Clandestine Underground Nuclear Tests in the USSR", May 1962 (CIA/RRGR L-62-1). I feel that it makes a significant contribution to the field of arms control and disarmament by increasing our knowledge of potential clandestine test areas available to the USSR during a possible nuclear test ban. However, it now appears that an additional geological factor determined since your report was prepared may affect site selection for clandestine testing.

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In view of this recent development and its effect on the possible detection of underground nuclear tests, it is suggested that a supplement to the reference report be prepared to incorporate the media discussed above.

If the Atomic Energy Commission can be of assistance, please feel free to call upon me.

Sincerely yours,

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